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Small plane crash leaves 29 dead

Associated Press

MONROE, Mich. (AP) — A commuter plane trying to land in a snowstorm nose-dived into a field Monday morning, leaving 29 people dead and 10 others injured. The plane, a twin-engine Embraer 120, operated by Comair, went down just before 6 a.m. in a huge fireball, splintering into small pieces and leaving a black patch in the snow, which was about 6 inches deep by evening.

I saw the explosion and flames just went everywhere," she said.

"You heard this big boom and there was a fireball that went up," said Patty Cawood, who also lives nearby. "By the time we got there, there were still like exploding things, you know, coming out, so we didn't want to get real close."

Comair said 26 passengers and three crew members were aboard. Sheriff Tilman Crutchfield said there were no survivors.

The pilot of Flight 3272, which originated in Cincinnati, gave no indication of any trouble as the plane prepared to land at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, the Federal Aviation Administration said. A team of NTSB investigators arrived at the crash site Thursday night.

Fire and rescue vehicles converged on the charred wreckage of the 30-seat plane, which went

down near a farmhouse and a country road in Raisinville Township, about seven miles west of Monroe. As darkness fell, rescue workers walked through the field with flashlights, looking for wreckage and bodies. Police put a cover over the crash site to make sure no evidence was blown away overnight.

At the Detroit airport, friends and relatives of the passengers were taken to a spot where counselors were available.

Airline officials said the crew was based in Cincinnati and had made one round-trip flight to Detroit earlier in the day.

Thursday's accident was the second fatal crash in the commuter airline's 20-year history. A twin-engine Piper Navajo crashed at an airport in

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AFP Photo

TERROR CONTINUES: "This is not peace, this is terror," appears on this sign held by protesters of the Tel Aviv bombings last spring. Two other bombings occurred Thursday in the same city, injuring at least 13. There were no fatalities.

Bombs in garbage explode in Israel

Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel — Police said two bombs hidden in garbage cans exploded within minutes of one another in Tel Aviv on Thursday evening, injuring at least 13 people.

"It appears to have been a terrorist attack," said Tel Aviv district police commander Shlomo Aharonishky.

However, he said police were not ruling out criminal motives.

The devices — thought to be pipe bombs packed with nails — exploded just before 8:30 p.m. near the Neve Shaanan pedestrian walkway near an abandoned bus station in the southern part of the city, said Nitza Friedman, a police spokeswoman. The area is home to Tel Aviv's large community of foreign workers.

Aharonishky said a delay mechanism was used to time the explosions.

Hundreds of police swarmed to the area and cordoned off the site of the blasts.

A helicopter hovered over the area, apparently trying to spot possible assailants attempting to flee.

Shuki Gutman, a spokesman for the Magen David Adom ambulance service, said 13 people had been injured and four were in serious condition.

Israel's army radio said that among the injured were two police officers who apparently rushed to investigate the first explosion.

Despite the Arab-Israeli tensions of recent months, there have been no terrorist bombings in Israel's cities since a wave of attacks last spring that killed 63 people.

Israeli and Palestinian officials had feared radicals might try to stage attacks to scuttle an emerging deal on Israel's delayed troop withdrawal from the West Bank town of Hebron and on further troop pullouts in rural parts of the West Bank.

Israelis have also been bracing for attacks to avenge the anniversary of the killing last Jan. 5 of Yehiye Ayyash, the master bomb maker of the Hamas militant group. His killing, via a boobytrapped mobile phone, was widely attributed to Israel.

"We received warnings before the anniversary of Yehiye Ayyash's death," Aharonishky said. "We took all the precautions possible, but there is no such thing as 100 percent security, and we have to take into account that such attacks can take place."

Friday is also the start of Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting, a time of increased religious fervor.

Last week, off-duty Israeli soldier Noam Friedman opened fire on a vegetable market in Hebron, injuring five people.

He said he hoped to scuttle the Heron accord.

Islamic militant groups had said they would avenge that attack.

BUILDING a better ROOF

By BRIAN BLAIR
Universe Staff Writer

Some creative students in the civil engineering department may be putting the roof over your head someday. Jason South, a graduate student from Idaho Falls majoring in civil engineering, came up with the idea for a new method of constructing a thin-shelled roof using a hyperbolic paraboloid, a shape resembling a Pringles chip. The design was popular in 50's and 60's architecture. Traditional hyperbolic

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How they made it

1 By using a pole to stretch a piece of fabric mounted over a reinforced concrete frame, BYU civil engineering students were able to form a hyperbolic paraboloid, a difficult-to-form geometric shape sometimes used in architecture.

2 Next, urethane foam was sprayed underneath the fabric to create a form for the concrete, which was sprayed on in several layers until two inches thick.

Cross Section

urethane foam

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concrete (2 in. thick)

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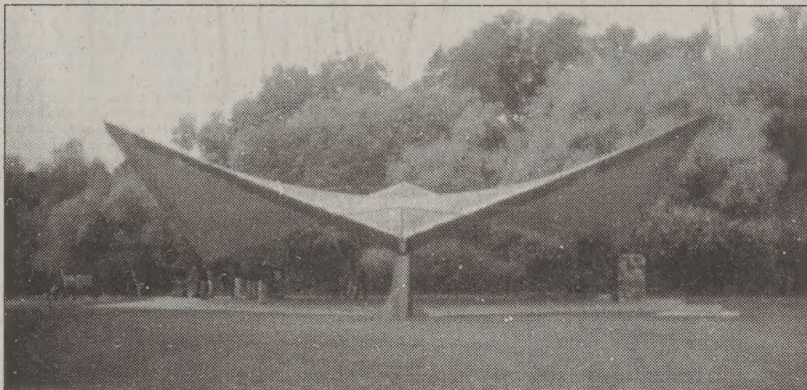
Steel rebar in the concrete allows the structure to support the weight of about 125 students

graphic by Josh Smith



Christina Kameny/Daily Universe

Civil engineering students tested a roof structure built using an innovative new method Thursday afternoon which may make design of structures like the picnic shelter below more cost effective.



BYU's official colors remain the same

By MARK BROWN
Assistant Sports Editor

school colors of BYU are not changing to navy blue.

As reported in The Daily Universe, the colors of some athletic uniforms will be changing. The royal blue and white to which BYU students, faculty and fans are accustomed, will remain as the school's official colors.

Changes in the uniforms are not something new. "BYU's uniforms have had a variety of shades," said John Fehlberg, BYU's athletic director.

When I was an athlete here in the late 1960s our uniforms were navy blue. We sort of standardized with the royal blue just in the last couple of decades. This is not uncommon thing," he said.

The uniforms of the various athletic teams do not necessarily reflect the school colors. Although BYU has royal blue predominately over the past two decades, the shades of the uniforms have frequently changed.

In addition, the BYU Bookstore and other retail outlets offer different color schemes in their merchandise without explanation.

To give an example, I was at the Final Four last year in Kentucky was playing. The entire Kentucky side of the arena was swathed in royal blue. The team on the court was wearing slate blue. Either the fans didn't realize, or it just wasn't a big deal," Fehlberg said.

A deeper shade of blue and the gold accent that will be on the football team next year is nothing new. "BYU has tried black, gray, silver and gold as accents. This is the uniforms fun and interesting for the teams. We have nothing to do with school colors," Fehlberg

Fehlberg indicated that navy blue is not the traditional color of BYU, but it has been used in the past. "The folks remember the darker color. It wasn't even navy. BYU blue was just a deeper shade."

Students, faculty and fans can be reassured that BYU's official colors remain royal blue and white," R.J. Snow, BYU's advancement vice-president.

Muslim students to observe Ramadan tonight

By CANDACE PERRY
Universe Staff Writer

Tonight the fast of Ramadan begins.

This is a time of spiritual renewal and self-evaluation, reaffirming Muslims' commitment to Allah.

"We look back at the past year and try to improve ourselves; as Muslims, as humans," said Idris Elbakri, a master's student in electrical engineering from Palestine.

Ramadan, the ninth month of the Muslim lunar calendar, is observed throughout the Muslim world as a month of fasting, in which "the Quran was sent down as a guidance for the people" (Quran 2:185). Muslims must see the New Moon with the naked eye before they can begin the fast.

"Islam is unique because every act in a Muslim's life is worship," Elbakri said. "Sometimes we lose this perspective and fasting helps us remember it."

Muslim ordinance prescribes abstinence from food, drink and sexual relations from dawn until dusk throughout the month.

The beginning and end of Ramadan are announced when the authorities are testified to by a witness that the new moon has been seen.

Bad weather or a cloudy sky may therefore delay or prolong the fast.

"When one is fasting, he or she is in a continuous state of worship during the day. Even breaking the fast is worship," Elbakri said.

"Before we eat we say a short supplication and then during the night we offer special prayers," he said.

"A typical Ramadan day? I get up before dawn and have a snack before the fast starts," Elbakri said. "The fast starts at the time of the dawn prayer. I pray and maybe read some Quran."

Elbakri said most Muslims try to read the Quran cover to cover during Ramadan. There are thirty parts in the Quran and each Muslim tries to read a part a day.

"Then we go about our daily business: school, work, etc., abstaining throughout the day from food and drink and married people abstain from intimate relations too," Elbakri said. "But it is also an attempt at abstaining from any bad deed."

At sunset prayer, the fast is broken. The Prophet Muhammad liked to break his fast with dates, so Muslims typically follow suit, Elbakri said.

"Later on in the night, special prayers are offered. These prayers can be as short as 15 minutes or can be as long as all night," he said.

Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam. Similar to Jewish Yom Kippur in its religious function, both constitute a period of atonement. Ramadan differs, however, in that it is seen less as an atonement and more of an obedient response to a command from God.

"We fast to be obedient, and as we do it, we discover many benefits," Elbakri said. "It is healthy. It helps us feel for the poor and hungry. Many Muslims give out Zakat (charity, also a pillar) during Ramadan."

"Fasting away from home takes on a different meaning," Elbakri said.

"At home, Ramadan is naturally a big social event. Over here, it is not. This can make it harder, but it also helps me concentrate on the spiritual meaning of fasting, of cleaning the soul, of achieving the true meaning of Islam; submission to the will of Allah," he said.

"When I fast, my stomach may feel a little hungry, but my soul is getting its share of spiritual nourishment," Elbakri said.

INSIDE Islam

Tuesday: Misconceptions
Wednesday: Muslim Culture
Thursday: Women & Islam
Today: Ramadan



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WORLDWIDE OBSERVANCE: Indonesian Muslims arise from breaking the fast of Ramadan in Bandung, Indonesia. Muslims around the world will observe the fast from dawn to dusk for a month starting tonight.

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February 15, 1978



News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Debate over I-15 funding persists

SALT LAKE CITY — Republican legislators discussed how to pay for \$2.6 billion in highway construction but found no consensus.

"There's (some) support for a gas tax, there's (some) support for a sales tax and there's support for cutting programs before we talk about either."

"All of these (options) are what-ifs," Senate President Lane Beattie advised his colleagues.

In a meeting of GOP senators, Sen. John Holmgren, R-Bear River City, held up a 1996 vote tally showing there is no turning back, since they unanimously approved the highway improvements in that vote.

Some conservatives want the bill paid off fast so there is no debt, while some moderates contend future users should help shoulder the burden for highways that will last 20 to 30 years.

Brown said there is "a possibility, but a very remote one" that Utahns will escape a tax-increase this year.

Republican House members said they must prove to citizens they have squeezed all the fat from government before they turn to taxpayers.

Democrats oppose any tax increase unless Republicans consider an overhaul of the taxing system to shift more of the burden to upper-income residents.

Landmark playhouse closes doors

SALT LAKE CITY — The 91-year-old Promised Valley Playhouse needs substantial repairs and was closed Wednesday by the Presiding Bishopric of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which owns the building.

The restored State Street landmark has been used as a vaudeville house, a movie theater and, for the last 25 years, a showcase for productions sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Actor Bryan Gardner, who performed at the Playhouse years ago, said the closure had been rumored among actors.

"The indication I understood was that there is crumbling in the foundations and that the Church was not willing to spend the sort of money needed to completely restore it," Gardner said.

Utah teachers face fraud charges

SALT LAKE CITY — A Salt Lake School District high school teacher and a Granite elementary school teacher have been placed on unpaid leave while they await trial on fraud charges.

Highland High School's Allen Brimley and Bacchus Elementary School fifth-grade teacher Betty Brimley have each been charged in 3rd District Court with 12 counts of fraud and related counts of money laundering and racketeering.

The Brimleys, who are married, and co-defendants James Hurley and Ronald K. Haines are accused of bilking past victims of telemarketing fraud with bogus promises to help them recover their losses.

Some 300 people were bilked of approximately \$130,000, according to court documents. Assistant Attorney General Charlene Barlow said the alleged offenses occurred during 1993.

Highland's students reportedly circulated a petition decrying his suspension.

Diplomat to leave U.S. in lieu of charges

WASHINGTON — A foreign diplomat involved in a car accident in that took the life of a teenager in downtown Washington made plans Thursday to return to his homeland, an administration official said. The news touched off a State Department effort to keep him here.

The U.S. Embassy in the Republic of Georgia received a diplomatic note saying Gevorgi Makharadze, 35, was being recalled. The note was received just hours after Georgia's foreign minister promised the diplomat would remain here during the course of the investigation into the car crash, the official said.

The surprise shift in the Georgian government's position prompted the State Department to request formally that the Georgian government lift Makharadze's diplomatic immunity so he can stand trial in the United States. He could face charges ranging from negligent homicide to second-degree murder.



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Kentucky in 1979 after an engine failed on takeoff. Eight people were killed.

The Embraer 120 is a Brazilian-built turboprop. More than 300 are in use, most in North America, where they are popular with regional and commuter airlines. There have been three fatal U.S. crashes involving the Embraer 120 since 1991.

Comair obtained the plane in 1992, and it had its last major maintenance check on Nov. 20, said Charles Curran, Comair senior vice president. "It did not have any maintenance

irregularities," he said.

Curran said the Detroit airport reported calm winds and light snow at the time of the crash. Another crew that had flown the plane earlier in the day reported no problems, he said.

Comair serves Florida and the Midwest, offering connections to Delta Air Lines flights as part of a group of small carriers that collectively are known as the Delta Connection. Delta owns 20 percent of Comair.

In 1991, an Embraer 120 operated by Atlantic Southeast Airlines went down in Georgia after a worn part failed in a propeller control system on the left engine.

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paraboloid structures have been formed out of strips of plywood, a an expensive and time consuming project.

Andy Kirby, a 27 year-old graduate student in civil engineering from Mapleton, Utah made the idea a reality. "Jason came up with idea to use the flexible membrane, and I built and constructed it and will write the thesis," said Kirby.

The idea was to stretch a fabric or membrane and then apply urethane and two inches of cement in thin layers. The result was a new concept in constructing the thin-shelled structure. Kirby built the structure in the Clyde Building and then tested its strength by placing students over four quadrants of the structure in even distribution.

South and Kirby oversaw the positioning of students on the structure. The number reached around 125 before it collapsed, and the center dropped a few inches. A pleased crowd got a free, albeit short, joy ride.

Arnold Wilson, a professor of civil engineering, has been involved with the project from the start. "We stretched it across this area and put the pole in the center, stretched it up and created the shape, the result being a four-sectioned hyperbolic parab-

loid. And it worked it well," Wilson said.

"This is about using a fabric form, which is much cheaper than plywood. In this case we used a flat fabric and we held the outside down and stretched the center up and formed this double curve, a hyperbolic paraboloid. Then we went underneath and sprayed urethane foam because that sticks to the fabric.

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Bounced checks waste time, money

KIRSTEN GUDMUNDSEN
Universe Staff Writer

BYU students have done it—written a check for under ten dollars and found out that the check bounced. It can be a humiliating, as well as embarrassing, experience for students, but it is a time-consuming problem for businesses and banks.

Businesses deal with overdrafts in similar ways, however differences occur in the bounced check fees and in the allowances.

First Security Bank charges \$19 for an overdraft, but they also allow their customers an option to protect against overdrafts.

What is called a customer reserve. A person applies to

person has been with the bank, their average balance and the length of time they've been in the area," Babcock said.

Bank One of Provo also determines the handling of overdrafts by individual accounts, said Jerri Jenkins, manager of Bank One.

Bank One also offers their customers options for protecting against overdrafts.

"Some of our customers hook their Visa cards to their accounts, which allows in transferring money. There is a minimum charge to the customer when an overdraft is covered by their Visa," Jenkins said. "We also have the check protection card that offers a line of credit of \$250 for automatic transfers. There is still a charge per check of \$20.

check instantly costs them \$30 because of the bank charge and the collection agency charge," he said. "Now that \$10 check costs them \$40," he said.

Johansen is frustrated with the problem and does not like seeing students pay more money.

"I just don't see the reasoning behind writing a check that you know is not going to clear. I hate seeing students pay for those extra charges when it's really not necessary," he said.

Albertson's grocery store also has problems with bounced checks.

"It's definitely a problem for us. We call (the person who bounced the check) every day or every other day to get them to come in and rectify the problem. After a month, if the person still hasn't

paid, we give it to a collection agency," said Manager Marcia Price.

Of those called about bounced checks, 90 percent respond to the phone calls, Price said.

"The other 10 percent are usually checks we know are bad checks or stolen checks. Also that 10 percent is due to the cashier's failure to properly check

identification and addresses," she said.

Another grocery store, Food-4-Less, also deals with the problem of bounced checks.

"It is a big problem. We have thousands of dollars every year in bounced checks," said Manager Gary Hendry.

Hendry said Food-4-Less will submit the check to the bank to be re-deposited only once and then the check will be turned over to the collection agency.

"The bank is a service and we use it as a courtesy for our customers, but it's not mandatory," he said.

Food-4-Less and Albertson's managers said that bounced checks are usually local checks rather than out-of-state checks.



Art by John Lepinski

Local businesses have been dealing with bounced checks as well and each business deals with the problem in various ways.

Kent's Food Store, located by Heritage Halls, used to spend hours dealing with bounced checks.

"(Bounced checks) has been such a problem that I used to spend eight to ten hours a week just on bounced checks," said Manager Jeff Johansen.

"I used to call the individual and give them two weeks to come in and pay the check off, but now the check goes directly to a collection agency."

Johansen still sees around five to 15 bounced checks a week at the grocery store.

"It's still a big problem. I see somebody write a check for under ten dollars and it bounces. That \$10 or less

FCC allots radio signals for Web

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government cleared the way Thursday for creation of a new breed of wireless devices that could allow people to tap into the Internet and exchange e-mail, faxes and computer files.

The Federal Communications Commission set aside a large chunk of radio frequencies for free and unlimited high-speed communication over short distances.

Now it's up to companies to develop wireless equipment to work on the frequencies. They would have at most a three-mile range.

Separately, the FCC, carrying out a congressional mandate, proposed a plan to require cable networks and broadcasters to air programs with closed captions — similar to on-screen subtitles. The commission expects to adopt final rules by Aug. 8.

The FCC made the new frequencies available at the request of equipment makers Apple Computer Inc. and

Forum, a group comprising Microsoft Technologies Inc., Motorola Inc. and Northern Telecom Inc.

Motorola spokesman Tim Kellogg said that company also is developing products but wouldn't discuss their availability or price.

Since the frequencies are unlimited, users would not have to pay for service, as users of cellular phones do. Instead, the frequencies

would be treated like those used for cordless telephones.

The FCC says its action could offer schools, hospitals and businesses a potentially cheaper way to connect computers and tap into the Internet.

"Wireless local area network and other equipment can now be developed to connect our computers, laptops and personal digital assistants to each other, to the Internet of today and to the global information infrastructure of tomorrow," said FCC Commissioner Susan Ness. "In many buildings, including schools, a wireless connection will be a cost-effective alternative to pulling wire through walls and ceilings."

The FCC said schools could use the wireless links to connect classroom computers to each other. Rather than having a telephone line hooked to each computer, only one machine would need to be hooked into the Internet via phone line.

The FCC said other possible uses for the wireless links would be to exchange e-mail, faxes and computer files among nearby buildings on a college campus. Hospitals could link computers in different rooms or nearby buildings to exchange patient data, X-rays and medical charts.

Under the closed captioning item, the FCC proposed giving TV stations and cable networks eight years to caption all new programs.

It also proposed making them cap-

tion around 75 percent of their libraries of old programs like reruns of "I Love Lucy," an idea criticized by some stations for its potentially large expense.

The FCC said between 50 and 60 million U.S. homes now receive closed captioning intended to help the hard-of-hearing people enjoy television shows.

Lower student loan defaults could promote tax breaks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Looking ahead to budget negotiations with the new Congress, President Clinton today touted a record-low college loan default rate in pressing for further education tax breaks.

The Education Department reported the fiscal 1994 default rate was 10.7 percent, the lowest since the department began reporting it in 1988, and a 40-percent drop since Clinton took office in 1993.

The high was 22.4 percent in 1990.

"The bottom line is this report shows our strategy of opportunity and responsibility is working," Clinton said at a news conference with Education Secretary Richard Riley.

They credited a crackdown on delinquent borrowers by the administration, Congress, schools, lenders and student loan guarantors.

As for this year's education agenda, Clinton said expanding education tax breaks was a priority, and he felt sure the Republican-led Congress would pass his initiatives.

"The atmosphere so far feels good to me, and if we just keep working on it we can get there," the president said. "America needs these tax cuts to help America pay for college."

Clinton said the budget will show that "I am making a clear effort to reach out to them, to meet them halfway, and to get this job done."

Clinton noted that government-backed loans helped pay for his own

college and law school education.

"I wouldn't be here without the good graces of the government," said University of Michigan junior Fiona Rose. Her student loans, she said, "made it possible for me to focus more on the textbooks and less on the bank books."

Additional steps are being taken to lower the loan default rate.

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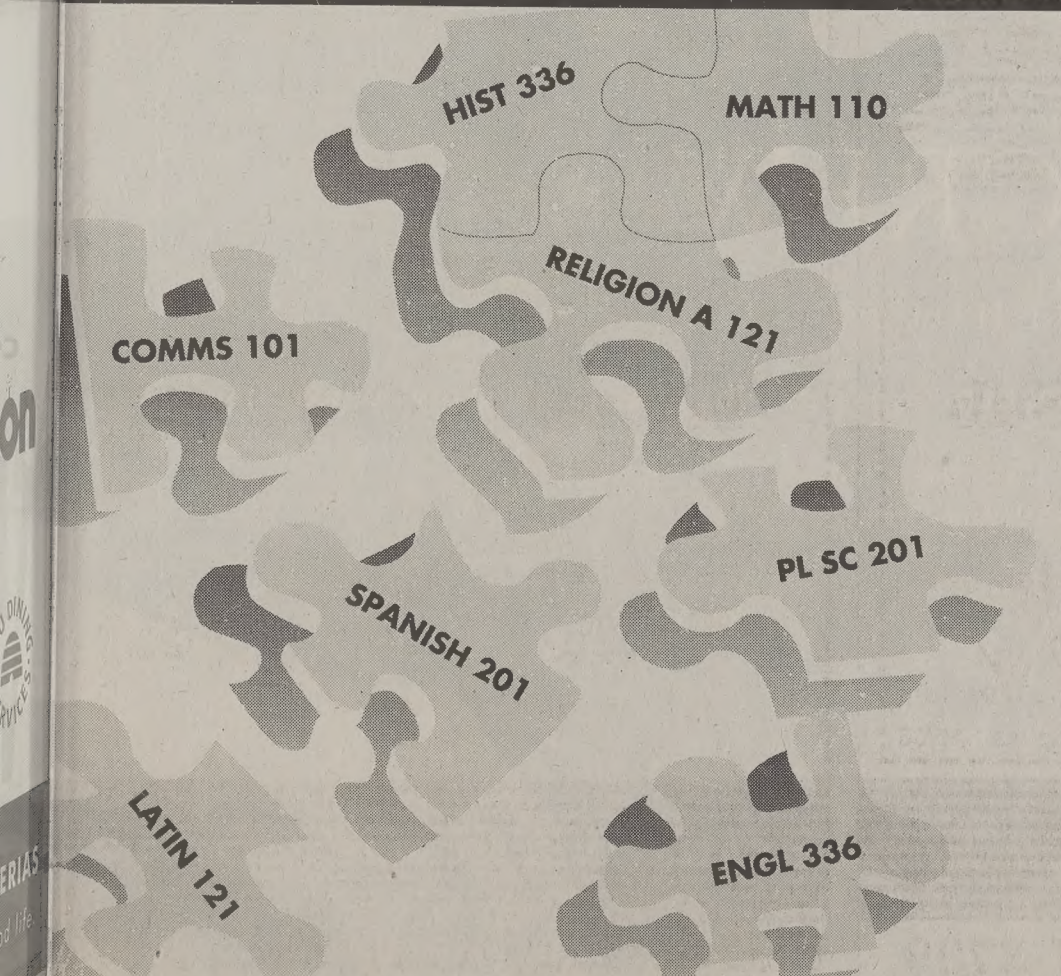
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Y offers varied student resources

By JENNIFER DYER
Universe Staff Writer

It doesn't take long for freshmen and transfer students to figure out how BYU Info works. With a name you can get the phone number of just about anybody on campus.

However, a wide variety of other BYU resources are also available to students for little or no charge.

From computer labs to career counseling, each department offers valuable resources to students. Sometimes all it takes is asking around to find out exactly what is available.

One well-kept secret, available through the Physical Education Department, is the weight room. While some students are paying hundreds of dollars to join local health clubs, other students are working out for free with the flash of a student ID card.

Part-time students are required to pay a \$35 activity fee to use the weight room but the facility is free to full-time students. Even with the activity fee, it remains a bargain compared to memberships at local gyms, said Huy Nguyn, a weight room supervisor and senior from Provo majoring in industrial design.

Non-students may use the physical education facilities when accompanied by a sponsoring guest for a \$2 per-day fee.

"We have a fabulous facility. We have more than enough to get you in shape unless you are training for the Olympics," Nguyn said.

In addition to a wide variety of weight machines, the weight room is equipped with free-weights, stationary bikes, stair masters and Nordic Tracs, Nguyn said.

Students also have access to other facilities through the physical education department, which include nine basketball courts, four indoor tennis courts, racquetball courts and an indoor track.

Through the intramural program, several different aerobic classes are also offered.

"Some classes are free, others cost \$20-\$30, but still it is cheaper than going to a local gym," he said. "With their ID cards students get set up with everything they need."

Nguyn said that five years ago attendance at the weight room used to be five times as high. Attendance fell once the other gyms opened.

"For one thing, students don't realize that the weight room is here, and students join other gyms for social

reasons. Socializing is a big part of why people exercise where they do," he said.

A weight room monitor who is knowledgeable about using the weight machines and which muscles the machines work is available to help students as well, Nguyn said.

The student weight room is located in 293 SFH and is open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Students are required to wear PE issue, which can be picked up in the men's and women's locker rooms. They are not required to rent a locker.

Facilities are available to students when classes are not using them, Nguyn said. A schedule may be picked up in 112 RB at the beginning of each semester to find out when they

their resume, Hansen said.

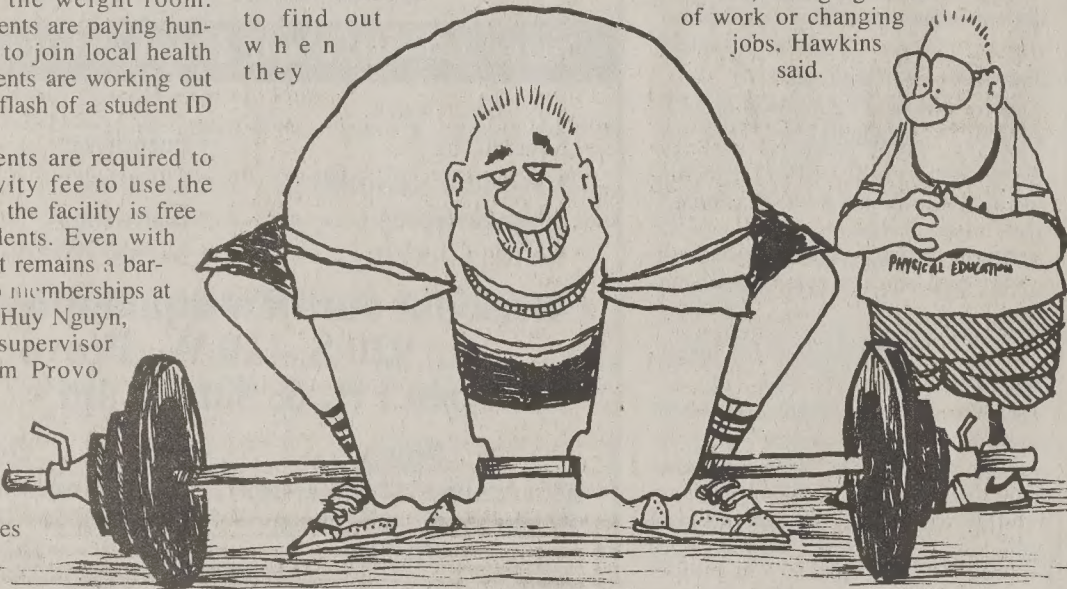
"(The Career Placement Center) is the way you get jobs. For many this is their first contact with employers," Hansen said.

He estimates that several hundred employers interview students each year. "They come right to the office to interview," he said.

Five career advisors are available, each specializing in a particular field of expertise. "They try to line (students) up with a job in their area," Hawkins said.

BYU's Alumni Placement Center works out of the same office. It provides the same sort of services to graduates of BYU who are either out of work, changing lines

of work or changing jobs, Hawkins said.



are available.

To help assist students in other areas of their life, services are available to help alleviate the frustrating and time-consuming process of job hunting. Located in D240 ASB, the Career Placement Center, is an office that can help make this process easier.

"It is an office that assists those ready to graduate in locating employers and setting up interviews," said Lloyd Hawkins, office manager for the Career Placement Center.

They also offer career advisors and workshops on resume writing, letters of application and interviewing skills, Hawkins said.

Wayne Hansen, managing director of Career Placement and Employee Services, said that approximately two-thirds of all BYU graduates go through the Career Placement Center in locating possible employers.

"The student makes the first contact with the office," he said. "We recommend that they see us two semesters before graduation."

Students are expected to begin the process by compiling a list of employers they would be interested in interviewing with and putting together

"We save students time and money. If they had to find everything on their own and do everything on their own, it would be a considerable burden," Hawkins said.

"We review their resume to make sure it is a strong document," Hansen said. "We also have a library of resources to research companies."

The career library includes information about employers nationwide. This information is submitted by the employers to give students an idea of what the company does. "Some will decide to apply or not to apply with the company based on what they find in the career library," Hansen said.

The Career Placement Center also does firesides and presentations to local wards, stakes, Parent Teacher Associations and schools, to encourage students to begin thinking about what they want in a job, Hawkins said.

The Reading and Writing Center is another valuable resource available to students.

Divided into two categories, the center is designed to help students in their reading and writing assignments. The Writing Center assists students

with either the composition or refinement of their papers, whereas the Reading Center focuses on helping students before they sit down to write a paper.

The Reading Center can be a great resource before students even write the paper, particularly on assignments that ask them to evaluate a text, said Nancy Christianson, coordinator for the Reading Center.

"We find that students know how to write, but often what is wrong with their papers is that they have not evaluated the text efficiently. The Reading Center is a great resource to help students in the early part of the writing process," Christianson said.

"Individuals can stop by for help on any assignment in any class," Christianson said.

Kristina Potter, secretary for the Writing Center, said, "Basically we are a place where tutors will sit down and have a half-hour tutorial with you. They review the content, structure and overall quality of the paper."

Tutors are specially trained to be of assistance to students, Potter said.

The tutors, who are both graduate and undergraduate students, "have done an extensive semester-long internship in order to qualify. They are selected as some of the best writers at the university," Potter said.

The Reading Center also offers courses on speed reading & reading comprehension, textual analysis and argument evaluation, she said.

"The Reading Center is valuable for a student at any stage of education. In fact often it is the older student that finally recognizes the value of the services offered in the Reading Center," Christianson said.

Also available through the Reading and Writing Center are exam tutorials for the LSAT, MCAT, GRE and GMAT. They also offer a free computer lab with computer tutors on-hand to assist students, Potter said.

No appointments are necessary to use the Reading Center. However, some students will make an appointment and come back every week once they have found a tutor that they work well with, Christianson said.

The Writing Center requires appointments Tuesday-Friday. It is open to walk-ins Monday and Saturday.

The Reading and Writing Center is located in 1010 JKHB.

Sikh finds Y student open and inquisitive

By TOVE I.S. GERHARDSEN
Universe Staff Writer

It is great walking around on campus, sticking out like a sore thumb, said Channpal Singh, a Sikh sophomore, double majoring in philosophy and psychology.

Singh, one of the two Sikhs at BYU, is originally from New Delhi, India, but has lived in California for the last nine years.

"It is a big claim among Latter-day Saints that they hold the completeness of truth, yet there are truths out there. I think I am a representation of that truth that is out there," he said.

Singh also recognizes that he may be the only Sikh some Latter-day Saints will ever meet.

"Maybe 20 years down the line some student will see a Sikh down at a gas station and they will say: 'Oh, I remember a Sikh I met at BYU, this is what he told me,'" Singh said.

Singh has encountered some people with staunch disciplines and views, which he expected at BYU. However, the majority of people he has encountered are people who have a feeling of openness, he said.

A lot of Latter-day Saints recognize what it feels like to be a religious minority because they grew up as a minority themselves, and

that is why they are willing to ask questions, he said.

The two most common questions Singh is asked by LDS students where he is from and what he is doing at BYU.

"I think they are valid questions. The only person who is able to give you a good perspective on Sikhism, is a Sikh," Singh said.

Singh thinks the moral standards at BYU are very similar to the standards in Sikhism, and therefore encourage other Sikhs to come to BYU. His cousin got him to BYU, and when he leaves, he wants to get another Sikh to attend BYU.

"I have to keep that tradition going," he said.

Singh has participated in various religion classes, religious practices and family home evenings.

Singh would love to have somebody come up to him and ask him about his religion. He is wearing the turban and he is about. He likes inquisitive people and loves to tell others about his religion.

"Every time you explain your religion to somebody else, you learn more than probably that person does, and your faith grows more. That is why I can say after being at BYU a year and a half, that I am a stronger Sikh than I was when I came," Singh said.

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"Space Jam" Soundtrack,

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"Nobody Knows," Kevin
Costner

"Friends," John Michael
Montgomery

"Big Love," Tracy Byrd

"Maybe We Should Just
Step On It," Tim McGraw

"One Way Ticket (Because I
Can)," Leann Rimes

MODERN ROCK TRACKS

"No. 1 Crush," Garbage

"Swallowed," Bush

"Don't Speak," No Doubt

"All Mixed Up," 311

"The Distance," Cake

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"Unbreak My Heart," Toni
Braxton

"Cold Rock A Party," MC
Eminem

"That's How It Is (It's Like
That)," Redman featuring K-
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DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh
Principles

"Where Do You Go," No
Doubt

'Infofashion Superrunway' debuts in '97

By J. AUDREY THATCHER
Universe Staff Writer

The Clothing and Textiles Department is excited about this year's fashion show, "InfoFashion Superrunway," because of an extra level of professionalism made possible by having the show in the de Jong Concert Hall of the Harris Fine Arts Center.

There will be two performances of the show on Feb. 8 at 5 and 8 p.m.

There will also be a sketch gallery available to ticket holders, according to the Ticket Office.

The gallery features the design students' illustrations of the garments that evolved into the clothing seen at the show. The gallery will be in the south end of the de Jong, so patrons can visit it before or after the show, said Michelle Hyde, the clothing and textiles faculty member in charge of the show.

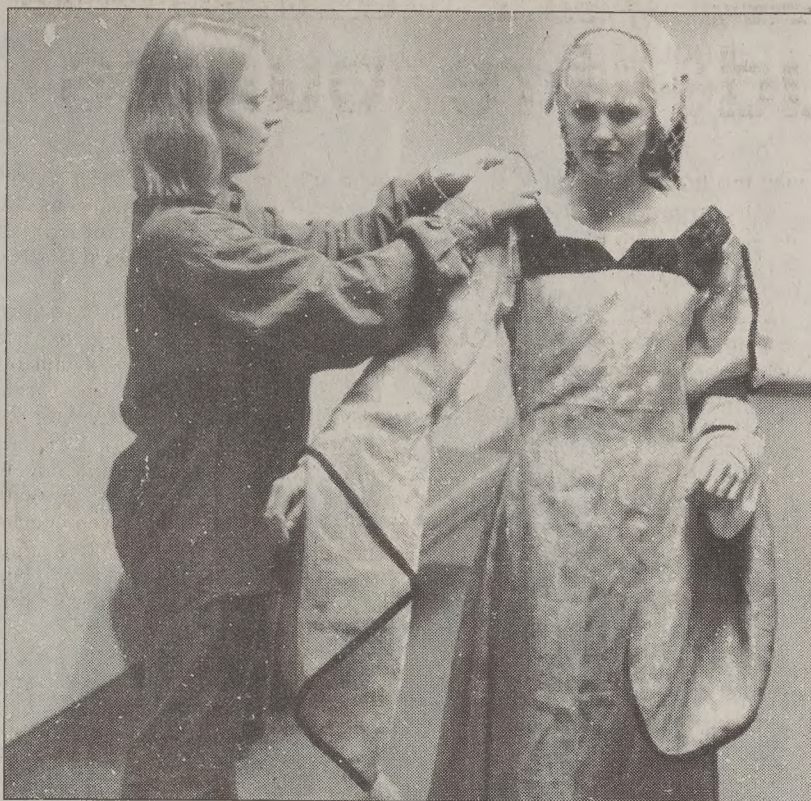
The department is excited to have the show in the de Jong, Hyde said. In recent years it has been in the Wilkinson Center Ballroom, but because of construction affecting the use of the Ballroom, the fashion show found a home in the de Jong for this year.

"We've always wanted to be in the de Jong," Hyde said. She said they've been trying to get the show in the de Jong for years. The de Jong is a more professional setting and more designed for a fashion show than the Ballroom is.

The show will have two big screens and will implement more lighting techniques, such as using dancers' silhouettes, Hyde said.

"It's an extraordinary extravaganza," Hyde said.

It will be much like past years only



Daily Universe/ Marci von Savoye

GETTING READY: Two students make final preparations for the 1995 BYU fashion show. This year's show will be in the de Jong Concert Hall.

"one level up" professionally, she said.

Hyde said the fashion merchandising students came up with this year's theme, "InfoFashion Superrunway." The theme is high-tech oriented, but it is also universal since a wide variety of clothes are presented in the show.

The models for the show audition and then take a class the semester before the show to get training in modeling and in hair and make-up. They also spend time rehearsing.

"It's like a play, really," Hyde said. There isn't enough money to hire professional models, but they want to be as professional as possible, so the models are trained for the length of a semester.

"The students all create really different designs," she said.

Eleven student designers will be featured. Once fashion design majors

complete certain classes, they are eligible to present their clothing designs in the show. Traditionally, there is also a guest designer, although one has not yet been found for this year. The guest designer is a professional who comes and presents a line of clothing.

There will be "another show or two, I hope," Hyde said, since the Clothing and Textiles Department is being phased out. The major has been closed off, and the current majors have until 1999 before the department is completely gone.

Tickets go on sale on Jan. 20 at the HFAC Ticket Office. The price is \$7 for all seats.

When the show was in the Ballroom, reserved seating cost more than general seating. But because the de Jong is all reserved seating, a flat price was decided on.

Memorable moments in entertainment history

Associated Press

45 years ago: The "Today" show premiered on NBC television. Dave Garroway was host, with newscaster Frank Blair assisted by Betsy Palmer.

40 years ago: The Cavern Club opened in Liverpool, England, featuring jazz and skiffle bands. The Beatles were among those who performed at the club.

And "Don't Knock The Rock," starring Bill Haley, Little Richard and other rock 'n' roll stars, opened in London. Little Richard sang "Long Tall Sally" and "Tutti Frutti" in the movie.

30 years ago: Sergio Leone's "A Fistful of Dollars" premiered in the United States at the Hollywood Pantages. This was the start of Clint Eastwood's rise to superstardom in this "spaghetti Western," which opened in Italy in 1964.

And to satisfy censors, the Rolling Stones substituted the line "Let's Spend Some Time Together" for "Let's Spend the Night Together" on television's "The Ed Sullivan Show."

25 years ago: Don McLean's "American Pie" topped the U.S. charts for the first of four weeks. The song documented rock 'n' roll Americana, most notably the death of Buddy Holly.

20 years ago: "Pumping Iron," a documentary on bodybuilder Arnold

Schwarzenegger, premiered in New York City.

10 years ago: Legendary rocker Elvis Presley was the first posthumous winner of a special American Music Awards trophy. The inscription on the trophy read: "For leaving the world with an unforgettable legacy of music, memories and magic, the American Music Award of Merit is posthumously presented to Elvis Presley." Presley died on Aug. 16, 1977.

And Michael Jackson announced that he was making two new Pepsi commercials in an estimated \$10 million deal. Jackson suffered burns during the filming of ads for the soft-drink company in 1984, when some rigged explosions went awry.

One year ago: Phil Donahue, who invented the issue-driven daytime talk show, announced he was calling it quits, after 29 years on the air. Industry analysts blamed his departure on slipping ratings and a market crowded with more sensationalistic talk shows.

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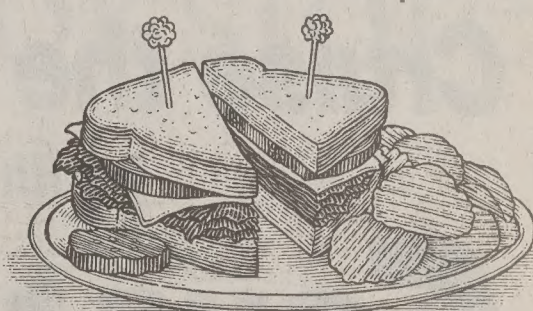
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GRAY LINE OF ALASKA



BYU meets Utes in battle for bucket

By ERIKA TIMM WILDE
Assistant Sports Editor

The Cougar basketball team will battle instate rivals, the University of Utah, at the Marriott Center Saturday at 7 p.m.

In this first-home Western Athletic Conference game of the season, the Utes look forward to a chance to defend the Oquirrh Bucket.

A symbol of in-state supremacy, the Oquirrh Bucket is awarded to the best Utah college basketball team in terms of in-state competition. Utah is trying to defend the Bucket, which they have won six times. BYU has won the award seven times in its 22-year history.

Saturday's game comes at a bad time for the Cougars, who are coming off their worst WAC loss since 1974 in a 89-91 loss at Wyoming last week. The Cougars held Wyoming's Ladrell Whitehead to 12 points, well below his 24.6 average, but still struggled. At one time BYU had five freshmen on the court.

Leading the Cougars will be lone senior Jeff Campbell. The Cougar center has scored 586 points and

snared 245 rebounds in his 87-game career. Campbell, who has a 35-inch vertical jump, was selected earlier this season to the All-Cougar Classic tournament team when he had a career high of 28 points in the consolation game.

Heading up the Ute hoopsters is All-American forward Keith Van Horn. Van Horn was named WAC player of the year for the second year in a row and first-team all-WAC by both coaches and media for the third time.

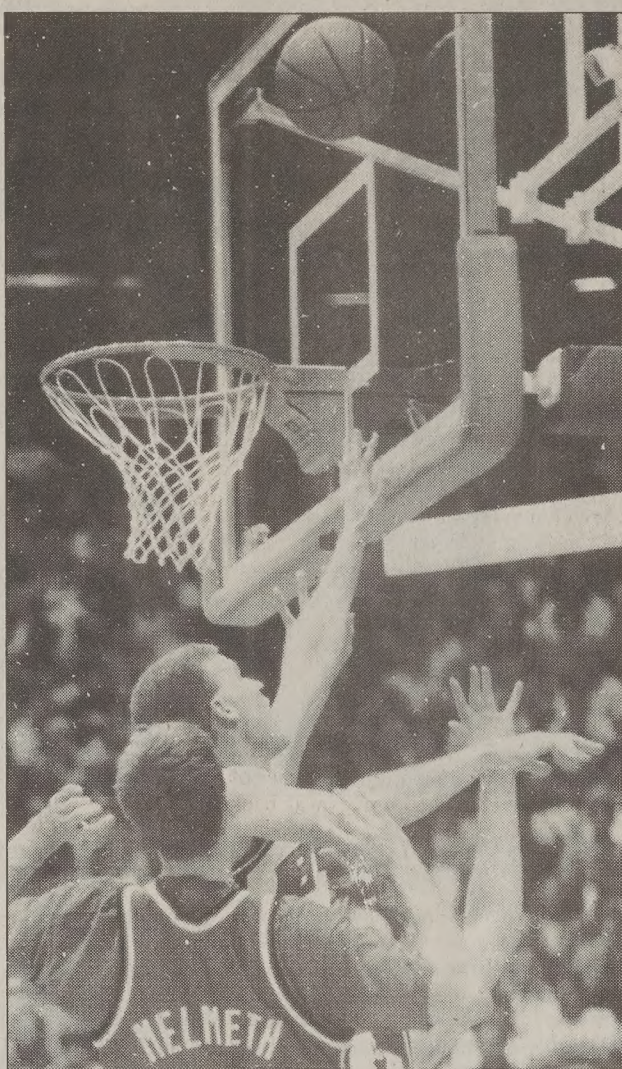
"Keith is a superb offensive basketball player," said Utah head coach Rick Majerus. "He is someone who can score in the low post or outside."

Before a season high 22,849 fans last March, 10th-ranked Utah defeated BYU 96-85 in Provo to secure the WAC title. Senior Jay Thompson started in place of Jeff Campbell for seniors night, but Campbell responded well in the game with seven rebounds and was seven of 10 from the field.

In the January game at Salt Lake City, the Cougars led 39-37 at half-time, thanks to an 18-6 run. However, Van Horn scored 29 points and led the Utes all the way back, resulting in a 83-77 victory for Utah.

STRONG TO THE HOLE: BYU's Justin Weidauer goes strong to the hole in a game against the University of Utah last season. The Cougars and Utes do battle Saturday night at the Marriott Center in quest of the Oquirrh bucket. The game is also BYU's home opener after opening WAC play on the road.

File Photo



Idaho State suspends five hoopsters in response to shoplifting sentencing

Associated Press

POCATELLO, Idaho — Five Idaho State University basketball players were suspended from the team for the rest of the season Thursday after being sentenced to probation and fines for shoplifting.

Senior forward David Hickman, junior guard Dedric Bell, freshman guard Stephen Brown, freshman forward Cedric Robinson and sophomore guard Rapheal Fondren have been suspended since Dec. 21, missing the last five games.

"They will neither represent the university in competition nor practice with the team," athletic director Irv Cross said. "I want to emphasize that all five will remain on athletic scholarships at Idaho State for the remainder of the school year and attend classes."

Hickman is a senior and has no more eligibility remaining, but the other four will have the chance to retain their scholarships and participate on next year's team, Cross said.

Bannock County Magistrate R. Ted Israel sentenced them on Tuesday to six months probation. They also

were fined \$300 and assigned to two days on a county labor detail for each count against them.

They could have received up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Robinson pleaded guilty Dec. 26 to one count of misdemeanor petty theft. The other four pleaded guilty the same day to two counts each. All five were arrested for stealing an estimated \$1,600 worth of electronic equipment and other items from the ShopKo department store in the Pine Ridge Mall from Nov. 13 through Dec. 14.

Cross and head basketball coach Herb Williams attended Tuesday's court hearing.

"It was a tough but fair sentencing," Cross said. "I can tell you it's very important to us that we can have a good, solid program that can be respected not only in this community but also all over the country."

Although the five players who were suspended were averaging a collective 25 points per game, the Bengals — with only eight players in uniform — have gone 4-1 overall and 2-0 in Big Sky Conference play in their absence.

Jazz struggling, loss to Bucks latest setback

Utah's 119-112 overtime loss to Milwaukee in Wednesday night's road game brought the Jazz' season record to 23-10.

The Bucks' Glenn Robinson scored 38 points and the team was 40-for-55 at the free throw line, leading the victors over the Jazz, who lost their sixth straight on the road and fell 6-8 in their last 14 games.

"Our defense is one of the critical things if we're going to win basketball games," said Jazz coach Jerry Sloan. "...Really our defense was nonexistent most of the night."

Former L. A. Kings' owner McNall nears sentencing on fraud counts

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bruce McNall's fall from owner of the Los Angeles Kings to bankruptcy is nearly complete.

More than two years ago, McNall pleaded guilty to two counts of bank fraud and single counts of conspiracy and wire fraud in connection with a scheme to defraud six banks, one securities firm and the Kings of more than \$236 million.

Federal prosecutors are recommending a maximum prison sentence of eight years and restitution of \$26.7 million. The actual sentence that was expected to be imposed by U.S. District Court Judge Richard Paez could be less, subject to his discretion.

Ten other McNall associates have pleaded guilty. None have yet been sentenced. Three others were indicted

in October 1995 and are scheduled to go to trial Feb. 4.

The trial had been one of the reasons for the delay in McNall's sentencing. McNall, however, is going to be called as a witness in why the government wanted him sentenced.

In a December letter to Paez, court papers obtained by the Los Angeles Times, McNall wrote:

"I am so sorry for what happened, I can barely find the words to describe my feelings. There have been a number of victims in this case, less obvious than others. In addition to the institutions themselves, many have been affected, it has caused problems for some employees of those banks as well. They believed in me and I let them down."

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Enrollment of black student-athletes on the rise, according to NCAA data

Associated Press

IRLAND PARK, Kan. — More black athletes are enrolling in Division I schools that grant scholarships after the enrollment rate fell off higher academic standards were adopted 10 years ago.

A first long-term study of Proposition 48's impact was released the same day the NCAA was hit with federal lawsuit alleging discrimination against black athletes the use of SAT scores to determine freshman eligibility.

In a graduation study, the NCAA said rates for all student-athletes in Division I schools continue to exceed those of the general student population.

The NCAA said blacks made up 15 percent of all student-athletes enrolling in the schools in 1985, a rate up from 12.3 percent in 1986. By 1989, it had recovered somewhat, to 13.6 percent.

The study also showed a rise in graduation rates among black male student-athletes — from 34 percent of the freshman class of 1985, the last year before Proposition 48, to 41 percent of the 1986 freshmen, and 43 percent of the 1989 freshmen.

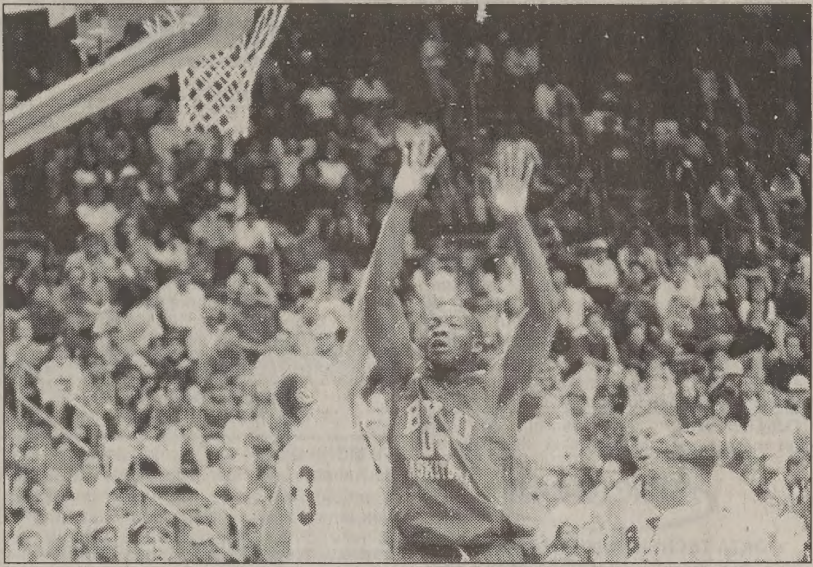
There was a diminution of numbers of black student-athletes who went from pre-Proposition 48 to post-Prop 48, said Ursula Walsh, a director of research.

Walsh said we predicted the numbers would come back, and they have."

Under Prop 48, which went into effect in 1986, freshman athletes had to meet minimum academic standards in many, practice or even accept financial aid in their first year. The standardized ACT and SAT tests have been the most controversial component of the rule, criticized by many critics as racially and culturally biased.

In Philadelphia, the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice filed suit on behalf of black track athletes. One of them, Taijuan Cureton, said numerous Division I colleges courted him, but scholarship offers vanished when he failed to make the SAT cutoff.

Cureton now attends Wheaton College, which does not give athletic scholar-



File Photo

JUST ONE OF THE GUYS: Former BYU basketball player Jay Thompson is one of several black athletes to put their talents on display for the BYU athletic department.

ships.

Andre Dennis, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, said he would ask the court for an injunction blocking the NCAA from using the fixed test scores, as well as a finding that the practice violates the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Kathryn Reith, director of public information for the NCAA, declined to comment Wednesday.

The NCAA compiles reports each year on student-athletes' graduation and enrollment rates. The new study put side-by-side six years' data — the freshman classes of 1983 through 1989 — to help researchers detect trends.

Among black athletes of both genders, the freshman class of 1983 at Division I schools that give athletic scholarships had total enrollment of 3,589 and a graduation rate of 35 percent.

In the 1986 freshman class, enrollment fell to 3,041, but the graduation rate rose to 44 percent.

By the fall of 1989, enrollment of black male and female student-athletes was up to 3,491, while the graduation rate was 46 percent.

Among black male student-athletes, enrollment rose from 2,883 freshmen

in 1983 to 2,977 in 1985, then tumbled to 2,418 in 1986, the first year of Proposition 48. The number was back up to 2,708 in 1989.

For student-athletes of all races and genders, total freshman enrollment at Division I schools that offer athletic scholarships was 13,144 in 1983; 12,871 in 1986; and 13,962 for the entering class of 1989.

The NCAA compared graduation rates for the total group of student-athletes to total student populations, excluding those schools — the Ivy League and the service academies — that don't grant athletic scholarships.

It found graduation rates of 51 percent for both athletes and the total student populations for 1983 freshmen classes; 57 percent for the athletes and just 54 percent for the total student bodies enrolling in 1986; and 58 percent for the athletes and 56 percent of all who were freshmen in 1989.

Research is based on athletes who graduate within six years of enrolling, and is reported about one year after graduation season.

The performance of the 1990 freshmen in terms of enrollment and graduation won't be reported until June.

Sports marketing brings new ideas, controversy to Utah sports scene

By ROBERT SAINBURY
Special to the Daily Universe

Professional and collegiate sports in Utah enjoy greater success because of sports marketing. While catering to the unique and small Utah market, sports promoters blend new ideas with proven strategies.

In this high profile business, sports marketers walk a thin line. They must keep fans and sponsors happy.

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Sports marketers will try almost anything to gain ticket sales. It is not enough to have a winning team. Fans want more than a game from their ticket purchase.

"We are going to give people a good time at a BYU game regardless of whether the team wins or loses," said Dave Champlin, BYU sports marketing director.

This strategy has worked for BYU basketball where over 17,000 season tickets have been sold in spite of the team's struggles.

Sports marketing stunts aren't always without problems, however.

"The Jazz have always been willing to try new things," said Jay Francis, senior vice-president of the Utah Jazz. The Jazz were using unusual promotions such as indoor fireworks as far back as 1984. The first time the fireworks were used, a small fire ignited, delaying the game.

In 1990, Champlin, then Utah State University's sports marketing director, bought a controlled indoor blimp to fly in the Spectrum arena during games. A sponsor paid \$2000 to have exclusive advertising on the blimp.

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As ESPN turned their coverage back to the game, the blimp descended from the ceiling and landed directly on the ESPN camera crew.

"I just remember the looks on the faces of the athletic director and sponsor," Champlin said. "I got the feeling the blimp wouldn't be flown again."

Mascots are a tool many teams use to excite and draw fans. When the Jazz went to choose a mascot they did research on what would appeal to fans. They picked a brown bear which is indigenous to Utah. "We wanted a bear that exuded strength and power but also looked cuddly and friendly, not intimidating," said Francis.

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At BYU, Cosmo's costume is being redesigned this year. "We want a more current, customer friendly-looking Cosmo and are looking for exciting and daring students to be inside," said Champlin. The company that designed the Jazz bear is also doing the new Cosmo.

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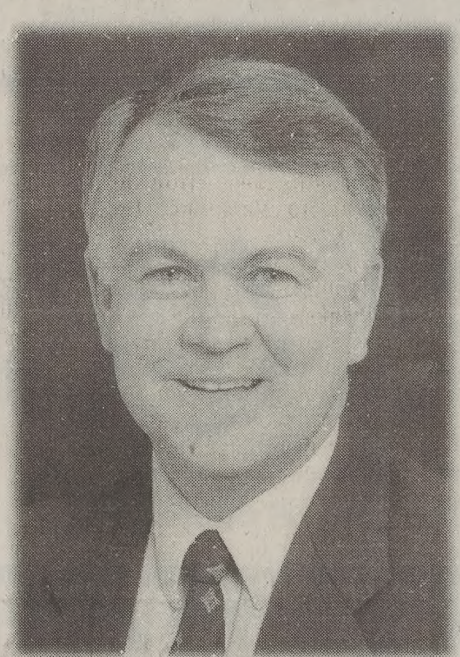
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In his scholarly publications Dr. Richards tries to question the assumptions of modern educational practice—as implied by his titles: "What If Students Had Face?" "Nietzsche's Herd Animal and American Teacher Training Programs," and "Bureaucratic Epistemology: An Institutionalized Lie."

An avid reader, Dr. Richards is passionate about the philosophy of education and delights in watching student

faces change from perplexity to insight.

In 1994 he was elected president of the Far Western Philosophy of Education Society. He has just completed a translation from German of Winfried Böhm's book *What Is Christian Education?* to accompany his previous translation of *Theory, Praxis, and the Education of the Person*. Currently he is writing the final chapter of *Confessions of a Modern Scribe*.

In the years since his full-time call to Scotland, Dr. Richards has served five stake missions and at this time is bishop of the Provo Franklin Ward. He presently serves in the community as vice chair of the Provo City Library Board. He is married to Cindy Orton, and they are the parents of Katie, Linda, Erika, and Lizi.

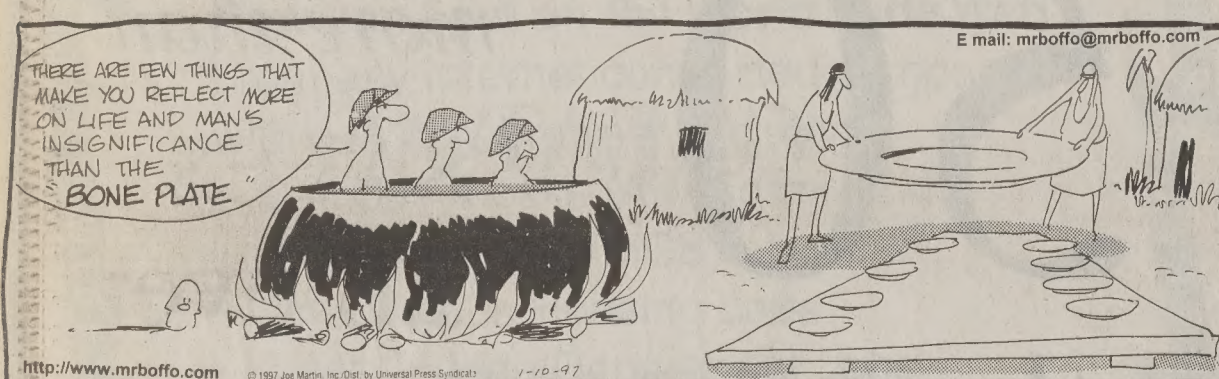
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Pornography still core of Internet debate

By **KATRINA GULSTAD**
Universe Staff Writer

The current rule affecting the Internet is found in section 230 of the new Communications Act — a rule that actually increases Internet freedoms. The "Good Samaritan" protections are designed to shield users and providers from being sued for not restricting access to objectionable online material.

puter screen unbidden." The government's witness acknowledged that the odds of someone accidentally coming across a sexually explicit site were slim.

This, Russell said, does not comfort many parents whose children's technological skills have soared above their own. The courts, though, concluded that the danger of "indecent" websites was best addressed by parents or teachers.

Due to the lack of government restriction, many parents have taken the issue into their own hands. They have begun to use software filters that screen online material. Products such as SurfWatch, Cyber Patrol and Net Nanny allow adults to screen content on their personal home computers. Most online providers also offer built-in parental controls.

But the effectiveness of these products has been questioned. SurfWatch, for instance, only guarantees 90 per-

cent efficiency, despite its staff of patrolling graduate students. And that number is only reached through over-protection, said Stan Peters, BYU computer services. Part of the White House home page was once banned by SurfWatch because it contained the keyword "couples".

Despite their faults, software filters are the only weapon parents have against online pornography. And the government continues to wrestle with the problem.

Vice President Al Gore told graduating seniors last year at MIT that "fear of chaos cannot justify unwarranted censorship of free speech." Yet President Clinton issued a statement a week later favoring the CDA. He said that "our Constitution allows us to help parents by enforcing this Act," and promised "to do everything I can in my Administration to give families every available tool to protect their children."

"My worst nightmare would be to have the Internet turn into something that eroded civil liberties and free speech."

— Marc Rotenberg
head, Electronic Privacy
Information Center

Expanding Internet use has widened the gray area of free-speech regulations, leaving experts confused and parents worried.

The 1996 Communications Decency Act (CDA), meant to make the Net safe for children, was labeled "unconstitutional on its face" just months after President Clinton signed the bill.

The CDA was supposed to limit cases of Internet pornography and indecent language. A panel of three Philadelphia judges, however, cited the goals as broad and undefined, and forbade the Justice Department from enforcing the act.

Because the Internet is so new, it deserves at least the protection guaranteed to newspapers and magazines, if not more, said the judges. "As the most participatory form of mass speech yet developed," wrote Judge Stewart Dalsell in his court opinion, "the Internet deserves the highest protection from governmental intrusion."

Many in the computer industry hail the Internet as a communications breakthrough because of its freedom. They worry that a "big brother" mentality may endanger the medium. "My worst nightmare," said Marc Rotenberg, head of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, "would be to have the Internet turn into something that eroded civil liberties and free speech."

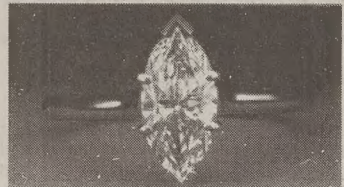
Backers of CDA disagree. The Internet, they say, is a highly potent medium, and needs regulation. "It is an outrage that children can access pornography right from their homes," said Mike Russell, spokesman for the Christian Coalition, which lobbied Congress to pass CDA.

But the courts found in favor of free speech. The CDA has included certain provisions for obscenity, said a U.S. Commerce Department spokeswoman. However, these do not include the Internet, which is currently under no restrictions.

That question has no clear answer in any law book, and should therefore not be the premise for Internet regulation, the judges said.

The judges also questioned the prevalence of Internet pornography. "There is no evidence that sexually oriented material is the primary type of content on this new medium," they wrote. "Communications over the Internet do not 'invade' an individual's home or appear on one's com-

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Consumers unable to pay debts

By **JONATHAN BAGLEY**
Universe Staff Writer

Delinquent credit card debt in 1996 rose as high as the levels seen in 1992, passing \$4 billion dollars, according to Veribanc, Inc., in Wakefield, Mass.

Veribanc is a bank rating service and bases its information on the nation's 10,172 banks.

Warren Heller, research director for Veribanc said, "there has been a cultural shift; people are not disciplined. They haven't been through a depression to help them appreciate saving."

Veribanc's research from 1992 indicated that consumers feeling the effects of the recession were not able to repay debts. Now, the high levels are the result of the combination of an

increase in cardholders and people losing jobs, Heller said.

"The economy is growing slightly, but there is still job loss," Heller said.

Banks are not trying to control the problem, which may mean more trouble for 1997. Credit card loans earn banks billions of dollars. To capitalize on the demand, banks are increasing promotion of their cards and making them easier to obtain. They are also raising credit limits to answer consumer demand.

"Interest rates for cards are so bloomin' high," Heller said.

Heller also said that people will always want to prevent losing their house first, and secondly their car.

"People are as serious as they ever were about repaying their debts," he said. "They just can't."

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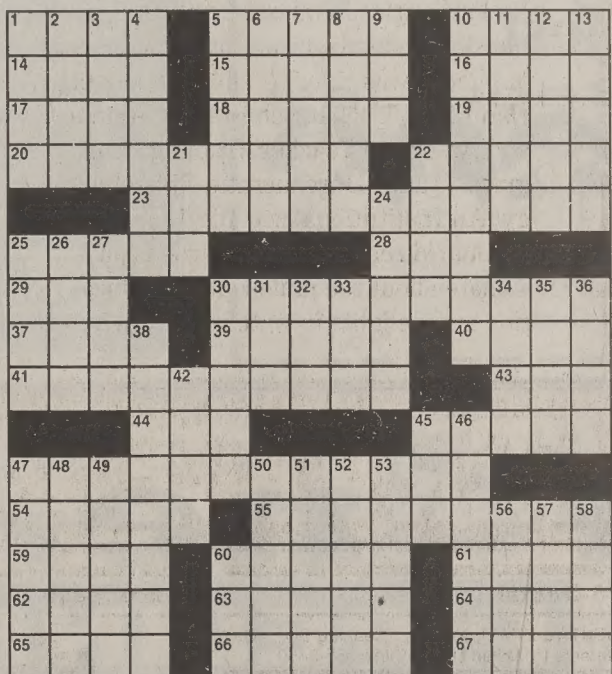
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- 29 Pizarro's prize
- 30 Juicy fruit
- 37 Pig's place
- 39 Els with tees
- 40 Yeats's land
- 41 Courtroom figures
- 43 "Hurrah!"
- 44 Comics word spelled between asterisks
- 45 Lucifer and Pansy's boy
- 47 Noted band conductor
- 54 "Henry & June" character
- 55 They give a ship increased speed
- 59 Orch. section
- 60 Cat's eyes, at times
- 61 Torment

DOWN

- 1 King of Saudi Arabia
- 2 Yours, in Tours
- 3 Pens' mates
- 4 Long stretches
- 5 Prayer wheel users
- 6 Beethoven wrote just one
- 7 Identify
- 8 Thief, in Yiddish
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- 10 Put forward
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- 12 Float accessory
- 13 They get what's coming to them
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- 26 Queued up
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- 31 — artium (logic): Lat.
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- 33 Kind of dye
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- 35 Nap
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- 43 Fathead
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- 47 Black lacquer
- 48 Bridge bid, informally
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- 50 Mallorca y Menorca
- 51 Purple item
- 52 Eccentric
- 53 Andretti adversary
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- 57 Place
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Study examines home detention

By SYRENE KOONS
Universe Staff Writer

A group of troubled youth in Utah County will participate in a study this year to determine if there is an effective alternative to institutional placement or incarceration for juvenile offenders.

In 1994, five juvenile offenders and their families were court ordered to participate in an initial 90-day pilot study, and it was extremely positive, said Brian Lindsay, executive director for Youth Reclamation Incorporated.

The state received a grant in order to expand the pilot program and further test the effectiveness of electric monitoring, home detention and counseling.

The study involves a control group of 50 juveniles that will participate in the current program offered by the state and 100 juveniles that will be randomly selected to participate in YRI, said Dr. Michael Lambert, BYU department of clinical psychology.

"The court receives recommendations from the Division of Child and Family services of juveniles that are ungovernable, beyond the control of their parents or guilty of contempt of court," said John Day, trial court executive for the Fourth District Juvenile Court in Utah. "These are heard in a courtroom before the judge and referred to the appropriate program."

After juveniles are chosen to participate in the study, the family is presented with a field monitoring device and transmitter, which is strapped to the child's ankle. The field monitoring device reports to a host computer in Colorado, Lindsay said.

The transmitter records tampering or attempted removal of the device, curfew violations and range violations, said Lindsay. These violations are transmitted to the field monitoring device, which are reported immediately to the Youth Reclamation tracker on call.

Youth Reclamation Incorporated, a private company, is a family-focused and value-based program that involves home detention and electric monitoring combined with rehabilitative and preventive clinical treatment, said

Judy White, a probation officer in Utah County.

"The program is a combination of the efforts of private industry, private counseling groups, juvenile court and community and state agencies," White said. "BYU is doing clinical research and UVSC is participating in a partnership program which involves mentoring and tutoring. Private companies also provide family and individual counseling."

"This program teaches parents parenting skills in coping with their difficult child and provides a support group which empowers parents to take appropriate action and discipline," White said. "Kids don't want to be home and the electric monitor makes them stay home. With the help on interaction, there is a way to approach the child and get to the root of the problem."

"By being in home detention, there are rules. Juveniles cannot leave home without a parent unless authorized, they can not talk on the phone or go out with friends and they are checked on by phone at school and places of employment," White said. "Home detention is a privilege and also eliminates the trauma of incarceration or institutionalization for the younger offenders."

"Home detention and electric monitoring is cost effective because it keeps juveniles from being incarcerated," Lambert said. "There is more control without locking them up. Having juveniles at home reduces the cost of housing them in institutions and jail because they are monitored by parents and are still able to attend school."

"Youth Reclamation Incorporated gives incredible support for the parent and child," White said. "There is a professional therapist support and the monitor keeps the child at home to work things out. Support is the main component of the program."

Each family is assigned a treatment team which consists of a therapist, guidance counselor, academic tutor and tracker, Lindsay said. Therapeutic assignments and counseling are geared toward fostering a greater understanding and mastery of the values for successful living.

"There are 20 kids currently in the program, and the youth and families involved feel very positive about it," Day said.

Goshute tribe to store was

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Northern States Power Co. is leading a group of 11 utilities that's looking at the possibility of shipping highly radioactive nuclear waste to Utah for storage on an Indian reservation.

The consortium signed an agreement late last month with the Skull Valley Band of Goshute to lease a small portion of the tribe's 17,700-acre reservation in western Utah.

The remote desert area, about 70 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, appears to be a "very suitable site" for temporary nuclear waste storage, said Scott Northard, NSP project manager.

During the next six months, the consortium will prepare an environmental study, safety analysis and license application and submit them to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

It's the consortium's second attempt to use an Indian reservation for a storage site. Negotiations to send nuclear wastes to the Mescalero Apache Reservation in New Mexico broke down, however, and that project was suspended last April.

Utah's governor and other top officials have vowed to oppose the latest project, saying they don't want to their state to become a nuclear-waste dumping ground.

Bill Sinclair, director of radiation control for the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, said his state

is doing more than its share to help the nation by storing or incinerating hazardous wastes, low-level radioactive wastes and nerve gas.

Danny Quintana, an attorney for the tribe, said the Goshutes have been interested in providing temporary nuclear-waste storage since 1991.

"The storage of spent nuclear fuel is a very benign project, and it's something that, from a technical standpoint, is clearly doable," he said.

Neither Quintana nor Northard would discuss financial aspects of the plan.

The Skull Valley Band has 100 members. Nine families live on the reservation, near an Army depot where nerve gas and other chemical weapons are destroyed. The tribe already leases some of its land for rocket testing.

Under the plan, spent fuel would be transferred to trucks, sealed in steel canisters at power plants and shipped by rail to Utah. West of Salt Lake City, the canisters would be moved to the reservation, where they would be placed in containers on concrete pads.



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AP photo

HANDS UP: Student demonstrators file past riot police in Belgrade, Yugoslavia in December. Twenty thousand students marched Thursday against newly elected Slobodan Milosevic.

911 call placed 3 days before girl found dead

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — Police records show a 911 call was placed from the home of JonBenet Ramsey three days before the 6-year-old beauty queen was found dead in the basement.

The records examined by The Associated Press show the emergency call was placed at 6:48 p.m. on Dec. 23, but the connection ended before a dispatcher could talk to the caller. And when police tried to call back six minutes later, the response was a voice-mail message.

About five minutes later, a police officer was sent to the home to check out the call, but left the scene within a few minutes without filing a report, according to the police records.

A complaint was never filed as a result of the call, and it was not clear if it was related to the death of JonBenet, whose body was found Dec. 26.

Police declined to comment.

Thursday, the Rocky Mountain News reported that JonBenet's body was behind a basement-room door that was jammed shut when police first searched the family's expensive Tudor home.

When her father found her on a later search, her arms were flung back over her head, the newspaper said. A cord was tied loosely around one wrist, but

there is no indication it was ever tied to the other, the report said.

No abrasions were found on the wrist, suggesting that there was no struggle and that JonBenet may have been dead when the cord was placed there, the newspaper said.

The coroner said that the former Little Miss Colorado was strangled and that a cord was found around her neck. Denver newspapers have reported that JonBenet's killer also fractured her skull, placed duct tape over her mouth and a white cord around her neck and sexually assaulted her.

Police have said they conducted a cursory search of the 15-room house without finding JonBenet's body after they arrived about 6 a.m. on Dec. 26. They were summoned by JonBenet's mother, Patricia Ramsey, who called 911 to report she had found a ransom note on a stairway and that JonBenet was missing.

Eight hours after father, Jon Ramsey, went looking for JonBenet, her body was found behind the stuck door, Rocky Mountain News said.

Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Student protesters Thursday taunted riot police who have been blocking their daily marches, and other opponents of Serbia's president turned out in force a day after Slobodan Milosevic acknowledged his party lost a key election.

Some 20,000 students demonstrated against Slobodan Milosevic Thursday — well up from the 3,000 out on Wednesday. Some rushed toward police cordons, then stopped just short. Student leaders said small groups of demonstrators will begin staying on the streets overnight.

"We will stay here as long as it's necessary for the police to move away," said Dusan Vasiljevic. "We'll be here for days if needed."

Separate protests began later in the day, with about 50,000 people gathering in the capital by midafternoon.

And in Serbia's second-largest city of Nis about 2,000 students demonstrated today, the day after Milosevic conceded the opposition had won local elections.

Some dressed as police, and others wore striped prison garb to portray officials who "stole" elections. A demonstration by other opposition groups drew about 10,000 people.

Protest leaders demand Milosevic concede all 14 cities, including the capital, Belgrade, that the opposition won in local elections Nov. 17. But they don't necessarily expect it.

"There is no chance he will give up Belgrade," said Vuk Draskovic, an opposition leader. "So somebody has to resign. It's either him or Serbia."

Draskovic said Milosevic had sent a letter to a western embassy saying he would never give up Belgrade. The claim could not be confirmed.

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